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XM listeners pay specifically for services not offered on local radio stations. traffic and weather is no exception. in the Washington DC area, the local stations primarily mention traffic in the most traveled "hot spots" and only for a specified timeslot. WTOP does traffic very frequently, but its not comprehensive. I often travel at night. there is rarely a traffic report at 2am!

XM provides traffic for the entire area, not just the "hot spots" like the beltway. It does a comprehensive report including average MPH, all day, everyday. not to mention, i've learned quite a few helpful tips along the way. like how to check rear lights by yourself and the best way to warm-up your car on a cold winter morning.

If i'm traveling distances and i don't know the local stations, it doesn't help. XM can provide traffic for an entire trip on dedicated stations.

Don't mess with my XM! How can local radio try to curb another product because millions of listeners are switching. Local radio should get their act together and listen to what the listeners want. If ratings are going down, do a better job of programming. If you can't do a better job of programming, get out the business. That holds true to any industry. If you can't compete, step aside.

I pay for premium service and i oppose HR 4026!